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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
ROUTES 91 AND 911, LAOS

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD K-4165 FOR COMPARISON)

1. PHOTOGRAPHY OF MISSIONS TROJAN HORSE

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REVEALED THE NORTHERN PORTION ON

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ROUTE 911 (FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 23 AT 1721N 10543E TO THE LIMITS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 1713N 10549E) TO BE SINGLE LANE, OF NATURAL SURFACE, AND SERVICEABLE. FRESH VEHICULAR TRACK ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

THE CENTRAL SEGMENT OF ROUTE 911 (FROM 1713N 10549E TO 1703N 10557E) WAS NOT OBSERVED.

THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THIS ROAD (FROM 1703N 10557E TO THE END OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT 1655N 10600E) WAS NOTED TO BE IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

2. INITIAL SCAN OF

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REVEALS NEW CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ALONG THE ROUTE 911 AND ROUTE 91 ALIGNMENT.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES SOUTHEASTWARD FROM THE PREVIOUSLY NOTED SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF CONSTRUCTION AT 1655N 10600E TO THE INTERSECTION OF A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SEGMENT OF ROUTE 91 AT 1650N 10603E. THIS PORTION OF ROUTE 911 IS A SINGLE LANE, NATURAL SURFACE ROAD, WITH ALL-WEATHER BRIDGES AND INTERMITTENT SECTIONS OF GRAVEL AND CORDUROYING. FRESH VEHICULAR TRACK ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED ALONG THIS SEGMENT OF ROUTE 911.

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CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES SOUTHEASTWARD FROM THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 911 AND 91 (1650N 10603E) ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 91 TO 1647N 10606E. THIS SEGMENT OF THE ROAD IS IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, AND A HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED PIECE OF UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT (WITH A DOZER BLADE) IS OBSERVED IN OPERATION ON THE ROAD AT 1648N 10606E.

CONTINUING FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN END OF CONSTRUCTION (1647N 10606E) ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF ROUTE 91 TO THE NORTHWESTERN TERMINUS OF THE PREVIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED ROUTE 91 (1646N 10607E) IS AN EXISTING USEABLE TRAIL.

3. ROUTE 911 HAS NOW BEEN PHOTOGRAPHICALLY CONFIRMED FROM 1721N 10543E (AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH ROUTE 23) TO 1713N 10549E, AND FROM 1703N 10557E TO 1650N 10603E (AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 91).

4. COLLATERAL OF 28 OCTOBER 1965, OBTAINED FROM A LOW ALTITUDE OVERFLIGHT, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE CENTRAL THIRTEEN NM SEGMENT OF ROUTE 911, NOT PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED BY PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE DIRECTION OF THE ROAD IS GENERALLY FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST WITH MANY TWISTS AND TURNS, AS WELL AS SHARP CURVES, BECAUSE OF THE RUGGED TERRAIN THROUGH WHICH IT PASSES. THE ROAD BYPASSES MOST VILLAGES BY DISTANCES VARYING FROM A FEW YARDS TO AS MANY AS SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS, AVOIDS MARSHES AND SWAMPS AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, FOLLOWS VALLEYS. LONG SECTIONS OF THE ROAD, PARTICULARLY IN THE LOW-LYING AREAS WHERE THE GROUND WOULD TEND TO BE WET AND MUDDY, ARE COVERED WITH LOGS PLACED

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CROSSWISE IN A CORDUROY EFFECT, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE ROAD SUITABLE FOR USE IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER. RUTS ARE NOTICEABLE AT SEVERAL PLACES ALONG THE ENTIRE STRETCH.

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NO TRUCKS, PERSONNEL, OR GUN EMPLACEMENTS ARE NOTED ALONG THE ENTIRE ROUTE; NO PILES OF BRUSH OR OTHER DEBRIS NORMALLY RESULTING FROM ROAD CLEARING ACTIVITIES IS EVIDENT.

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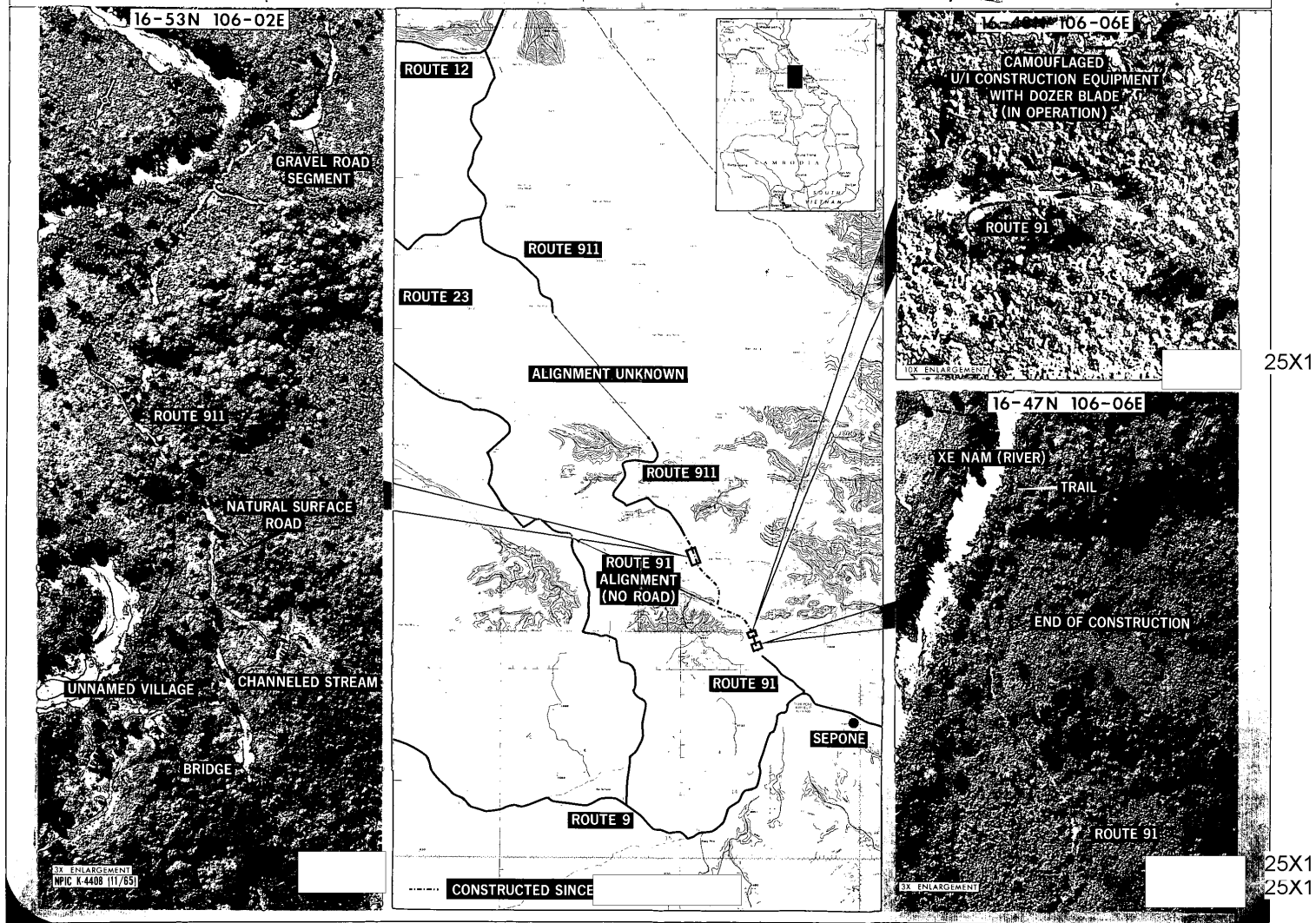


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